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SUBJECT: PEMEX INTENSIFIES DRILLING IN THE GULF OF  
CAMPECHE

1. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF ITS NEW JACK-UP RIG (THE MAYA-DAN)  
IN THE GULF OF CAMPECHE, PEMEX HAS BEGUN TO EXPLOIT MORE  
THAN 60 POTENTIALLY OIL BEARING STRUCTURES IN THE GULF OF  
CAMPECHE. THEY ARE LOCATED IN AN ARC RUNNING OUT INTO  
THE GULF FROM 12 TO 220 KM IN WATERS RUNNING 15 TO 100 M  
DEEP. THIS RIG IS THE FIRST OF A REPORTED SIX RIGS  
(4 JACK-UPS AND 2 SEMI-SUBMERSIBLES) THAT PEMEX IS LEASING  
TO DRILL IN THE AREA.

2. PEMEX HAS HAD ITS THREE DRILL SHIPS OPERATING ALONG  
THE COAST FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. THESE VESSELS HAVE  
COMPLETED THREE EXPLORATORY WELLS -- CHAC-1, BACAB-1,  
AND AKAL-1 -- WITH COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION AND ARE  
CURRENTLY DRILLING 3 MORE EXPLORATION WELLS -- EK-1,  
HOL-1, AND CHAC-2. THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS ON THE  
PRODUCTIVITY OF KUKULCAN-1.

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3. PEMEX'S PLANS CALL FOR COMPLETION OF 120 WELLS ON  
TEN PLATFORMS WITHIN TWO YEARS. PRIVATE INDUSTRY SOURCES  
HAVE TOLD PETOFF THEY DOUBT SUCH A SCHEDULE CAN BE MET,  
GIVEN THE DEPTH OF THE WELLS, 3500 TO 5000 M, AND PEMEX'S  
DESIRE TO HAVE THE PRODUCTION PLATFORMS BUILT IN MEXICO.  
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